

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 812

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Hannah Maples, 2000
Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hannah Maples is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Hannah has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Hannah has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while being active in extracurricular activities, school clubs, and in community and church activities as well; and

WHEREAS, Hannah has demonstrated her agile athletic abilities as a four-year Varsity Volleyball team member and as a member of the Track and Field team during her freshman year; and

WHEREAS, this four-year Band member has been a participant in the TSSBDA Blue Band and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Honors Band Festival; she has had the honor of winning the First Chair Oboe Award during all four years of her high school career; she has also won the Semper Fidelis Award and the Arion Award. Hannah has been inducted into the Junior All-American Hall of Fame for her many band honors and also won Best in Class Drum Major at the Smoky Mountain Invitational, where she had the highest grade in her class division; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her exceptional leadership abilities to the National Young Leaders' Conference, the Student Council, the Youth Summit Coordination Team, and to the high school band where she served as Band Captain during her junior year and as the Drum Major during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, a four-year member of the Gold Honor Roll, Miss Maples has consistently earned the highest average in many of her classes, including Spanish I and II, Government, English III, Chemistry, Geometry, Latin I and II, English I, and Biology I; and

WHEREAS, a true "Tennessee Volunteer" in every way, Hannah Maples has served her community in many ways; she has volunteered on a World Changers Mission Trip, on a local mission project, and on a medical mission trip to Jamaica; she is a "PROJECT SUCCESS" tutor, a "Project: LEAD and LEARN" volunteer, a Christmas store volunteer, a candy striper at the Fort Sander's Sevier Medical Center, and many others too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Hannah's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Hannah's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dwight and Patricia Maples, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Maples' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian, Miss Hannah Maples, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.